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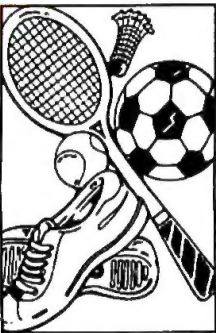
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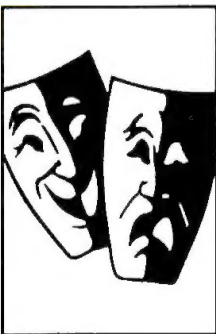
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Center for Science Inquiry Opens

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Clarke University is proud to present its new 13 million dollar state-of-the-art Center for Science Inquiry at the ribbon-cutting event for the 32,000 square foot facility on Aug. 28. "The CSI was built for our students," said Clarke University President Joanne Burrows, SC. "It is a contemporary facility that promotes the most effective approaches to learning and doing science."

As the Clarke community gathered around to witness the grand opening of the CSI, Michelle Slover, chair of the biology department, shared her excitement for the new building with students.

"Clarke University, along with generous friends and alums, has made an investment in your future," said Slover. "We believe in you, your talents and abilities, and have given you a space in which your commitment to learn, explore and research can thrive."

As students and faculty begin to break in the new build-



Photo: Clarke Marketing

Chemistry professor Diana Malone, President Joanne Burrows and biology professor Michelle Slover at the ceremonial ribbon cutting.

ing with the start of the new school year, they say they are coming to find just how amazing this new facility truly is. Slover said that it was only the second week of classes and she had already seen the positive impact that the new CSI was having on students.

Along with her and her students' new-found love for the newly renovated anatomy and physiology lab in CBH, Slover is particularly excited about the student research lab and the greenhouse, spaces that will "potentially give our students

the opportunity to study science outside of the classroom and promote independent research experiences," she says.

Clarke athletic training senior and first year physical therapy graduate student Charles Deneen has his human gross anatomy course and his human physiology lab in the new building. "The physiology lab is amazing in comparison to the one we used in CBH," said Charles. "It has an abundant amount of space and equipment that creates an

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CONVOCATION

Prof says shoot for the moon

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This year's Convocation speaker, Andrea Bixler, associate professor of biology, talked with new students about what she wished she knew before going off to college. She explained how students can get involved and what they can do when they need help.

Bixler has been teaching Clarke students for 13 years, and said every year she sees new students come and go, afraid to get involved. Using her own experiences in college, she talked to students about how they can make the best of their college years.

Bixler stressed that college is a whole new playing field: new environment, new people, and new opportunities. These all can be frightening at first, but Bixler said that students should not be afraid to try new things. Just because

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George Towfic voted most valuable professor by students

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This summer, Clarke University computer science professor George Towfic was elected the 2013 Most Valuable Professor in a competition hosted by Questia. Towfic has been at Clarke for 14 years. We asked Towfic a series of questions:

Q: What does this award mean to you?

A: "I am enormously grateful to all my students. My gratitude to the students can only be repaid by continuing to improve my teaching style and collaboration with my students."

Q: Who or what is your biggest influence on teaching?

A: "I think my father impacted my core teaching method. He was an accountant and nothing would annoy him more than trying to figure out how

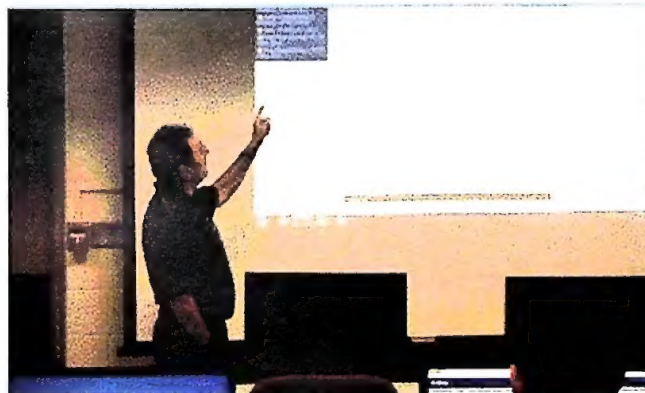


photo: Jordan Cameron

George Towfic teaches his Operation Systems Course in Keller

people vaguely explain numbers and calculations. He kept telling me that vague statements and explanations reflect lack of knowledge. I thus try to make sure that my lectures are clearly explained using more than one tool, including many "real-life" examples, group discussions, and hands-on implementations."

Q: How did you end up at Clarke?

A: "I was an assistant professor at Lawrence Technological University in Southfield, Minn. When my wife, Samira Towfic, accepted a position at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, I searched for a position in a nearby area. Both my wife and I are very fortunate that

Clarke was looking for a new faculty member. Clarke provides the spiritual guidance and academic excellence that both my wife and I enjoy and will always think about with deep gratitude and admiration.

Clarke student Tony Ebel, a junior computer information systems major, said, "George knows his stuff and works very hard to spread his wisdom amongst his students."

Another student of Towfic's, Jose Stelluti, a senior computer information systems major, said, "He is really open-minded and he is always willing to help you understand. My favorite part of class is how he strives to make the class interactive for students."

Computer Science chair Sheila Castaneda said, "I'm thrilled that he has been nationally recognized for his work at Clarke. Students look forward to working with George and learning as much as they can."

Clarke grad named head Senior High coach

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Clarke University graduate Dan Tringale was named Dubuque Senior High School's new head girl's volleyball coach this summer. Dan is a 2013 graduate and played volleyball for Clarke's men's program for four years as a libero.

Dan was born in St. Louis, Missouri, and has played volleyball ever since he was 12 years old. In high school his team won three state championships and his club team placed third at nationals when he was 17.

Dan was a varsity assistant and the sophomore girl's coach at Cascade high school in Cascade, Iowa, for three years while playing at Clarke.

"I've been around volleyball all my life and coaching has always interested me, and when



photo: Allison Boyes

Clarke alum Dan Tringale coaches his varsity volleyball team at Dubuque Senior High School.

the chance came to be a head coach, I took the opportunity," Dan said. "It felt pretty good, getting such a high profile job right out of college."

Dan played college volleyball at Clarke for four years and this was part of the reason why

he was hired, experiencing volleyball at such a high level.

"I've learned volleyball at one of the most competitive levels which helped prepare me for running practices and developing a coaching philosophy," said Dan. He has experienced

some of the pressures of being a new coach.

"Being a young coach, it is hard to gain the respect of the players," said Dan. "I'm just learning day by day; something new pops up and I need to adapt to the change."

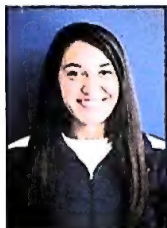
"The hardest part about coaching are the things that don't necessarily have to do with volleyball, like paperwork and apparel ordering, but also being in one of the hardest conferences in the state, the MVC, is another thing that adds pressure to being a first year coach."

Dan's team has already started regular season play and is currently 1-1. "This is a young team so this season we will be developing talent," said Dan. "I am looking forward to a great season and seeing where my first year as a head varsity coach takes me."

Q & A with Jadelyn Rohach

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Jade Rohach, from Toledo Iowa, is on the varsity women's volleyball team. She chose Clarke because she loves volleyball and she likes the small environment.



Q. What is it like being a freshman athlete? Are you excited, nervous, or intimidated?

A. "At first I was intimidated because it's like a different experience, moving away from home and not being around

my family and stuff and them not telling me what to do, so I have to manage my time better and be more independent."

Q. Are their other older teammates guiding you through?

A. "Yeah, I'd say they all pretty much help because a close team is a help in adjusting to the new surroundings."

Q. Do you have any pre-game rituals; does the team?

A. "I don't have any rituals, but I do wear the same headband; sometimes we pray as a team, but others do it individually as an option."

Q. What is your favorite class?

A. "I really like my English

class because it's like you can talk about your opinions and the students in the class are really cool."

Q. What is it like living the dorms? How's your roommate?

A. I don't have a roommate, but overall I'd say it's good. I like it; it's not that bad."

Q. What has been your favorite experience with the team so far?

A. I liked going to South Dakota with them because I roomed with a junior and a senior that I didn't know too well. It was really fun to socialize more with others. Bus rides are always good for me too. They can be fun."

Q. What's the funniest moment that has happen with your team?

A. When Livi, a sophomore on our team, got her shoes 'stolen' and she had to walk barefoot to lunch and stuff. It's funny because she usually loses everything.

Q. What are your personal goals?

I'm undecided with my major, haven't found anything as of yet that I really want to pursue in.

A. Being that it's your first year here, have you seen anything out of the ordinary?

A lot of guys look like they have the Mackelmore hair cut going on. Also, the whole clapping thing when someone drops a cup in the cafeteria.

What's Happening Upcoming Sporting Events

► TUES. SEPT. 24

JV W Volleyball
@ Emmaus Bible
College 7 PM

► WEDS. SEPT. 25

W Soccer
vs. Dordt College
2 PM

M Soccer
vs. Dordt College
4 PM

JV/V W Volleyball
@ AIB 5:00 PM &
7:30 PM

► FRI. SEPT. 27

M Golf
AIB Invitational
11 AM

W Volleyball
Clarke University
Tournament
4 PM & 8 PM

M & W Cross
Country
@Brissman-Lun-
deen Invite 5 PM

► SAT. SEPT. 28

M Golf
AIB Invitational
9:00 AM

W Volleyball
Clarke University
Tournament 10:00
AM & 2 PM

W Soccer
vs. Grand View
11 AM

M Soccer
vs. Grandview
1 PM

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optimal learning environment." As the building dedication concluded, students, faculty and staff extended their hands towards the CSI in a prayer of blessing given by Vicar General for the Archdiocese, Rev. Mons. Toale. "May it be a place of sound learning, new discovery and the pursuit of wisdom," said Mons. Toale.

With high hopes of what students can achieve with this new CSI facility, Diana Malone, BVM, long-time professor in the chemistry department, gave students words of encouragement during

the ribbon-cutting ceremony that will hopefully stick with them as they continue on through the school year.

"The research facilities, state of the art instrumentation and faculty expertise are ready for you to realize your dreams and goals," said Malone.

"Today is the 50th anniversary of the march of 250,000 people in Washington to hear Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. deliver his iconic speech, 'I have a Dream.' You too have dreams and the freedom to bring these dreams to fruition. Just Do It!," added Malone.

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others tell you not to or you are afraid of failing, you shouldn't let those things stop you because these opportunities may open doors to "new knowledge, friends, and maybe even a career," said Bixler.

"Do it now rather than wait until your senior year. Because you might love it and want to do it again."

Bixler's advice was to take advantage of the resources that are available to them. "I needed help on calculus and I finally went to my professor and he helped me out and said that he wished I had gone

sooner than later," she said.

Bixler recalled a time during college when she invited her professor to lunch because the college had an invite-your-professor-to-lunch program.

"I was the only dork who asked a teacher to lunch, she recalled. But this 'dork' experience turned into a memorable one for her. They talked about grad school, teaching and having three kids, as well as the sciences.

"I still, to this day, think about that lunch," Bixler reflected. She explained to students how many people aren't as fortunate

as others. They don't have the benefits of a college education, a good home, or even food. There are kids who are on school meals and those are the only meals they get during the week. So a good way to pay it forward is by volunteering your time.

Jennifer Brogley, freshman biology major, said, "I liked how she showed us ways of getting involved and not being afraid to fail."

As Bixler said, "Shoot for the moon because even if you fail, you will land among the stars."

Drama department presents rock musical, "Next to Normal"

Elizabeth Palmer
Staff Writer

Think of it as going to a musical and learning twice as much as you would in a classroom. Clarke University will host "Next to Normal," a rock musical focusing on a mother struggling with bi-polar disorder, in Terence Donaghoe Hall on October 3-5 at 7:30 p.m. and October 6 at 2 p.m.

"To get people to think, talk, and react to or relate to this topic and to increase campus and the Dubuque community area awareness of mental illness," is why Clarke teamed up with NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, said Joe Klinebriel, associate professor of drama at Clarke.

"This show is certainly engaging because it is so full of energy, but it's also a story that is very relatable to audiences," said Klinebriel. "Here we see a family struggling with a number of issues, one of which is mental illness, representing what would seem to be something 'abnormal.' However, I think audiences will recognize this family and all of its issues as the 'new normal.'"

Traci Johnson, a senior musical theatre major, said, "Playing the daughter in this production has given me the opportunity to explore the serious side of acting and also discover things about myself that I hadn't realized before."

Clarke recently received a grant from the Iowa Arts Council for \$6,375 to aid in



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Clarke students Rebecca Brosnan and Luke Van Meveren rehearse for the upcoming performance of "Next to Normal."

this fall's production of the rock musical, a grant from Alliant Energy of Cedar Rapids for \$2,500 and from the DRA, the Dubuque Racing Association, a grant for \$4,000 for a total of over \$12,000.

"The grant money is truly a blessing and I believe that it will be quite evident when you come to see the final production," said Traci. "The Clarke drama department always puts its all into each performance it presents, but this grant money will raise the production value and quality even higher."

The money received will help to strengthen the production, pay musicians, and implement a Rondinelli Sound system, a rented addition of sound equipment for the performance.

"The community grants really made this show possible," said Adam O'Dell, a junior music composition major. "We're happy to see the involvement increase with this show and hope that the interest in this show highlights what theatre can say about any subject once we finish our final performance and move to the next."

"We should always try and be educated in different ways, and this play provides that," said Mindy Pease, a freshman pre-medical major. "I think it's powerful and the message behind it is well thought out."

Clarke is reaching out even further with a reception for Area Health Care on opening night. Students are encouraged to attend a panel discussion in the theatre following the performance.

ON THE STREET "What advice would you give Miley Cyrus?"

Shelly Graybill
Editor



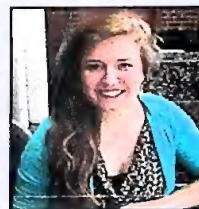
"She needs to start acting like a role model. So many girls looked up to her because of her days as Hannah Montana. She is too revealing and needs to respect herself."

— Amanda Rashke, junior, sports management and business management.



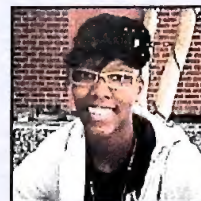
"Go back to your Hannah Montana days."

— Jake Boresch, senior, mathematics



"Life is short, with great power comes great responsibility. So make good choices."

— Bridget Quinn, freshman, graphic design and vocal performance.



"Stop. Just stop."

— Mindy Pease, freshman, pre-med

On Other Campuses

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University of Iowa named Number One party school by Princeton Review.

In the latest Princeton Review rankings, Iowa has taken the No. one spot over West Virginia University after placing second to it in the 2012-13 rankings of the most hard-partying colleges in the country. The rankings are based on surveys given to over 126,000 students that ask a series of questions regarding academics, administration, the student body and the general lifestyle around campus. The university says it continues to make strides to tame binge drinking.

—Huffington Post

UC Irvine offers a class based on the AMC show "The Walking Dead"

This zombie-inspired online course titled "Society, Science, Survival: Lessons from AMC's 'The Walking Dead'" will be offered to students nationwide starting Oct. 14. It is a free eight-week online course taught by four UC Irvine professors from different disciplines. The AMC network made "The Walking Dead" cast members available to professors for exclusive interviews and helped advise on weekly themes for the class. See link for more details. <https://www.canvas.net/courses/the-walking-dead>

—Huffington Post

Stanford University students now have the opportunity to take a course on DNA analysis and genetics. "You don't go to chemistry or math class and walk out finding that your father is not your father," said Roxana Daneshjou, a 25-year-old medical student. Students can also determine how likely they will be to develop certain types of cancer. A number of high schools have expressed interest in a similar course and 3,000 people have already pre-registered for a fall genetics class through online educator Udacity. As these courses become more common, no one really knows how the students and society will react to what they reveal. —Salon.Com

One Last Thing...

Shelly Graybill
Editor

What is the last picture in your phone's camera roll?



Kayla Nemmers, Senior, social work. "The last picture I took was at The Irish Hooley on Aug. 24th at the Star Brewery. These are the RED HOT CHILLI PIPERS from Ireland."



Nico Piscopo, Senior, philosophy/ psychology. "The last picture I took is of a grill my roommates, Anthony Razzo and Jose Stelluti, and I just bought. We usually grill our dinner after class and practice."